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Status of the Claims

Claims 1-22 are pending.

Claims 1-22 stand rejected.

No claims have been amended as part of this response.

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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-22 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Graunke (United States Patent No. 6,731,758). Applicant traverses and respectfully requests reconsideration and removal of these rejections for at least the following reasons.

A claim is anticipated pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 102 only if each and every element set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *See, Verdegaa Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)*). In other words, in order for a prior art reference to anticipate a claim, "the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989)*. And, each of the claim elements must be arranged as required by the claim. *See, In re Bond, 910 F.2d 831, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990)*.

Turning first to Claim 1, it recites, in its entirety:

A method for verifying that a source device that is capable of receiving protected content is authorized to communicate the protected content to a sink device that is capable of descrambling the protected content comprising:

receiving at said source device an approval code associated with said source and sink devices;

determining, in said source device, a local code using data associated with said source and sink devices; and

comparing, in said source device, at least a portion of said approval code to at least a portion of said local code, and verifying that the sink device is authorized to receive the protected content from said source device in response to the comparison. (emphasis added)

Thus, in order to anticipate Claim 1, Graunke must at least: (1) compare, in the source device, at least a portion of a source device received approval code to at least a portion of a source device determined local code; and (2) verify that the sink device is authorized to receive the